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The Duvall Digest

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Special points of interest:

- In addition to residential programming at Duvall, MCCC contracts with Volunteers of America (Brandon Hall and Theodora House) and John P. Craine House for residential programs.
- During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, MCCC served 2,368 clients through residential programming.

An Introduction to Our First Newsletter!

Thank you for taking the time to read the first issue of the Duvall Digest. I feel that there is a lot of information relating to Duvall Residential Center that should be shared with staff, the MCCC Advisory Board, Center residents, the Courts, and our community. We have many positive things happening in and around the facility. Our goal with this newsletter is to inform, educate, and communicate with our stakeholders.

Since Duvall Residential Center opened in October 2007, many things have changed. First of all the population has soared from the low 200's to capacity (350) at times in 2011. Duvall has changed physically

with a construction project to make the facility more safe and secure. We have added numerous programs and instituted more evidence based case management techniques over the years.

We believe in, and enjoy, what we do. Our vision as an agency is to provide the citizens of Marion County a safer community. Our mission is to enhance public safety by raising offender accountability through the use of evidence based practices and interventions. We plan to communicate how we are doing this in this newsletter.



I hope you enjoy reading about our accomplishments, staff, and residents. If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 327-2574 or paul.morrison@indy.gov.

Sincerely,

Chris Morrison
Center Director

IndyGo Bus Stop Adopted by Duvall Center

In November 2011, Duvall Residential Center signed up for IndyGo's Adopt-a-Sign program. We have adopted the bus stop at the intersection of Mass Ave. and Hamilton Ave. This stop is frequently used by

our clients to get to work, search for employment, and attend job interviews. IndyGo has provided a trash receptacle at the bus stop site and a sign indicating the location has been adopted by Duvall Residential Cen-

ter. We have committed to keeping the area of the bus stop clean of litter and debris on a daily basis, as well as emptying the receptacle and replacing the liner as needed.





Dad's Day at Duvall

Did You Know??

.....That approximately 70% of men at Duvall Residential Center are Dad's?.....

In October of 2011, MCCC implemented "Dad's Day" at DRC one Saturday morning per month. It's a time for dads to *interact* with their children for an hour & a half. We say *interact* because through employee and community donations, MCCC has accumulated a variety of games, puzzles, books, art supplies, and table toys for dads and their kids to play with during "Dad's Day". Each resident is assigned a table for his family (one caregiver is allowed per resident) and MCCC staff keep the families busy with a craft to start the day and free time in the middle of the morning to play the games/books of their family choice. The day then ends with families leaving their handprint (or footprint for babies) on the wall before saying their goodbyes.



"...this was a blessing. The kids had a wonderful time. All smiles from Mom, Dad, and Kids."

- from a Duvall Dad regarding his experience at Dad's Day

Residents Participate in Community Clean-Up Event



On Saturday 4/14/2012, a number of Duvall Residents participated in a community clean up event with neighborhood residents. They spent the day cleaning the alleys along East 10th Street. Thanks for braving the elements, gentlemen!



Spring is on the Way! Area clean-ups and projects

Duvall Residential Center is dedicated to being a positive part of our community. Now that the weather is getting warmer, we have more opportunities to give back through area clean-ups and other special projects. In the coming weeks and months, you will find Duvall staff and residents on the streets of our neighborhoods picking up



litter and clearing curbs and sidewalks of weeds and debris. You will find us working with neighborhood non-profits assisting with mowing and landscape work. We are also excited to be starting a vegetable

garden with plans of donating the produce to those in need.



Staff Spotlight: Debra Collins

In each installment of the Duvall Digest, we will have a “Staff Spotlight” to find out a little bit more about the great people we work with.



How long have you worked here and what is your role with MCCC?

I have been employed with the County since October 2007. I am the first point of contact at Duvall Residential (receptionist) on the phone and in per-

son. I assign cases to CSM's and close out cases when residents leave the facility. I also have a variety of other duties that make my days hectic at times, but I wouldn't have it any other way ☺

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I think the thing I enjoy most is when a frustrated and upset parent expresses gratitude for me helping them through the process of how we work.

What do you like to do outside of work?

I enjoy reading and most of all spending all the time I can with my kids. I'm going to be a empty nester soon ☺ so I have to take advantage of our quality time together.

What are some of your favorite books or genres? What is your favorite movie?

I enjoy murder mysteries and suspense novels. Right now I'm starting to read The Women's Murder Club series by James Patterson. I'm a lover of the classic black and white so Rebecca or The Ghost and Mrs. Muir are two of my favorites off the top of head .☺

THANK YOU!

Thanks for taking the time to read the first installment of the Duvall Digest. If you have any questions regarding the facility feel free to contact me at (317)327-2500 or paul.morrison@indy.gov.

Sincerely,

Chris Morrison

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